

II. Remarks

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8 will be pending after entry of this amendment. Claims 11-20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 9-10 and 21-36 were previously canceled. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by virtue of this amendment.

B. Final Office Action Rejection; Advisory Action

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner again indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed, and maintained the rejections of claims 11-20 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and §102(b).

Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled the rejected claims (i.e. claims 11-20), and maintained the allowed claims, rendering the rejections moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application.

III. Conclusion

In view of the amendments made, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued prior to the 6 month deadline of January 21, 2009. If the Examiner believes that issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (973) 422-6532. The undersigned may also be contacted by e-mail at lschroeder@lowenstein.com. All correspondence should be directed to the address listed below.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Direct Account 50-1358.

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